

The report of the committee on Claims and Accounts on the petition of John Murphy, recommending its rejection, was read and adopted.

Mr. Hyde chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims made the following report :

The committee on Private Land Claims to whom was referred the petition of David Ward, have examined the same, and instructed me to report the same and recommend its reference to the joint committee on the Court of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

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WEDNESDAY, November 23rd, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Baker—rolled called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Potter presented the petition of Ephraim McLean. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of Rebecca Wood. Referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Stockdale presented the petition of Joshua Davis, agent of Peter Berry. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Fall, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed, viz :

A bill for the relief of Albert G. Walker.

A bill to provide for the pay and subsistence of the troops called out by the Governor of the State, under the command of John S. Ford, James Bourland and John Henry Brown, also for the pay of the commissioners sent out by the Governor to the Indians.

A bill to incorporate the Factors Cotton Press Company.

A bill incorporating the Pecos Bridge Company.

A bill to amend the 5th, 8th and 9th sections of an act to authorize the sale of the public domain.

Mr. Stockdale, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported an act making an appropriation for the mileage and per diem pay of the members and officers of the eighth Legislature, correctly enrolled, properly signed, and was on Saturday last presented to the Governor.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred a bill to release Benjamin A. Campbell from the disability of minority, and a bill to require the clerk of the

District court of Cherokee county to apportion the causes on the docket of said court, reported the same back and recommend their passage.

Mr. Throckmorton made the following report :

The joint committee on the Court of Claims, have had under consideration several claims which were approved and provided for by the last Legislature, but owing to inaccuracies in enrolling the bill, the relief desired and intended, was defeated. The claims of Wiley Burns appeared in the law as "Wiley Barnes;" that of David Barlow as "Wm. Barlow;" that of Carmel Ramon as "Ramon Carmel;" and the claim of the heirs of Robert M. McKinney was by oversight or neglect in the clerks, left out of the bill. A bill providing for the parties is herewith reported and recommended to the favorable attention of the Legislature; which bill was read 1st time.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of Joshua P. Powers, reported the same back and asked its reference to the committee on Public Debt.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the rule was suspended, the report taken up and adopted.

Mr. Guinn also reported back a bill for the relief of James Herendon, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Walker, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Turner, reported the same back and recommended that it be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the rule was suspended and resolution taken up and adopted.

Mr. Paschal, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill amendatory of, and supplemental to an "act to incorporate the Sabine and Galveston Bay, Railroad and Lumber Company," reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to repeal the 6th section of an "act concerning the proceedings in the Supreme Court" approved February 11th, 1850. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Potter offered the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the committee on Education, is hereby requested to enquire into the expediency of locating and establishing "the University of Texas" on the University Land belonging to the State and situated in the county of McLennan, and report to

the Senate at an early day, by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Mr. Paschal offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That a joint committee of three on the part of the Senate and—on the part of the House, be appointed to enquire into the expediency of granting further time to the colonists of Castro's Colony to prove their claims for Headrights and to report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Messrs. Paschal, Duggan and Throckmorton were appointed said committee.

Mr. Rainey offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the committee on Education, be instructed to enquire into the propriety of donating four additional leagues of the public domain to each county in the State, for common school purposes.

On motion of Mr. Rainey, the resolution was referred to the committee on Education.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill for the relief of Albert G. Walker, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Factor's Cotton Press Company, read 3rd time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Chambers, Dickinson, Duggan, Erath, Fall, Gentry, Grimes, Hart, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Paschal, Pitts, Potter, Rains, Rainey, Shepard, Sims, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker, Wallace and Whaley—25.

NAYS—none.

A bill to incorporate the Pecos Bridge Company. Read 3rd time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Chambers, Dickinson, Duggan, Erath, Fall, Gentry, Grimes, Guinn, Hart, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Paschal, Pitts, Potter, Rains, Rainey, Shepard, Sims, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Wallace—25.

NAYS—none.

A bill to amend the 5th, 8th and 9th sections of an act to authorize the sale of the public domain. Read, and on motion of Mr. Rainey, was made the special order of the day for Wednesday the 30th inst..

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on a bill to organize the 16th Judicial District. Read, and on motion of Mr. Walker, laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Internal Improvements, on a bill to amend an act to incorporate the San Antonio and Mexican Gulf Railroad Company, was on motion of Mr. Stockdale, made the order of the day for Friday next, the 25th inst.

On motion of Mr. Erath, the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on a bill for the protection of the frontier. After spending some time in the discussion of the bill, the committee arose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the Senate adjourned until Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, November 25th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of Wednesday was read and adopted.

Mr. Townes presented the petitions of James Lewis, and John Laramore for land. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Paschal presented the petition of Joseph C Perez, which was referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts, also the petition of sundry citizens of Bexar county, which was referred to the joint committee on the Court of Claims.

Mr. Rainey presented the petition of Stewart A. Miller. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Sims presented the petition of Wm. B. Featherston and R. J. Battle regarding the Sabbath day. Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of F. H. Dixon for land. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Potter chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

The Judiciary committee to whom was referred a bill to amend the 6th and 7th sections of an act regulating sequestrations, approved March, 15th 1848 ; a bill to regulate the licence and practice of Attorneys and Counsellors at Law ; and a bill to repeal the 6th section of an act concerning the proceedings of the Supreme Court, approved February 11th, 1850, ask leave to report the same and recommend their passage.

Mr. Fall chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen and inhabitants of the city of Galveston, to issue bonds for the construction of a bridge, from the island of Galveston to the main land, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill to require certain surveys in Young land district, to be recorded in the surveyor's office. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Public Lands.